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SUBJ: UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAM FOR ALGERIA

REF: STATE 097268

WE HAVE STUDIED PROGRAM AND DISCUSSED IT WITH UNDP RESREP. FOLLOW-
ING IS KEYED TO LETTERED PARAGRAPHS IN REFTEL:

A. SECTORAL CONCENTRATION ON TRAINING, AGRICULTURE AND WATER,
AND ORGANIZATION OF THE ECONOMY SEEMS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE. THESE
ARE ALL SECTORS WHERE THE NEED IS GREAT AND OBVIOUS. THIS IS RECOG-
NIZED BY THE GOA AND THE PROGRAM FITS NICELY WITH GOA PRIORITIES.

B. WE SEE NO SIGNIFICANT OMISSIONS GIVEN THE LIMITED FUNDING
AVAILABLE (20 MILLION DOLLARS IN UNDP MONEY OVER FIVE YEARS).

C. WE KNOW OF NO DUPLICATION WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES. RESREP SEEMS
TO COORDINATE FULLY WITH OTHER AID DONORS AND WITH GOA.

D. UNDP PROGRAM IS WELL CONCEIVED BUT AT 4 MILLION DOLLARS A
YEAR IS NOT VERY SIGNIFICANT COMPARED TO OTHER PROGRAMS (E.G. FRENCH)
AND, PARTICULARLY, WITH CAPITAL TRANSFERS UNDER HARD LOAN PROGRAMS.
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E. WE DO NOT FEEL COMPETENT TO COMMENT OTHER THAN TO STATE OUR
FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF RESREP.

F. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO JUDGE RESREP'S EVALUATION PROCEDURES. WE
DO KNOW THAT SOME PROJECTS ARE IN THE PROGRAM ONLY BECAUSE THE
ALGERIANS INSISTED ON THEM (E.G. PROJECT ALG/74/001 FOR THE NATIONAL

INSITUTE OF PRODUCTIVITY) BUT MAY NEVER BE CARRIED OUT BECAUSE
OF RESREP'S OPPOSITION. (PROTECT RESREP ON THIS.)

G. PROBLEMS ARE MANY, BUT ARE NOT PECULIAR TO UNDP PROGRAMS.

H. PROJECT ALG/77/007 IS DESIGNED TO TRAIN WOMEN IN NON-TRADI-
TIONAL ECONOMIC ROLES. PROJECT IS RESULT OF SPECIFIC REQUEST FROM
LABOR MINISTER AND IS A SMALL SIGN OF CHANGE IN TRADITIONAL ATTI-
TUDE TOWARDS WOMEN.

I. OUR VIEWS WERE NOT SOUGHT BUT U.S. IS NOT A DONOR COUNTRY.

J. NOT APPLICABLE.
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